

CRAB FISHERMEN MUST BE LICENSED

A bill regulating taking of crabs was passed by the last General Court and signed by Governor Allen on June 9 and inasmuch as it carried an emergency preamble, the bill, Chapter 414, amending chapter 130 of the general laws, has become a law.

It requires every crab fisherman to obtain a license, for which there will be a charge of \$5 to December 31,

1930, inclusive. These licenses can be obtained at the office of City Clerk Allen F. Grant and are similar to those of lobster fishermen, requiring the applicant to state the color scheme or other special markings of the buoys to be used by him, which shall be set forth in the license, and all buoys used shall be marked accordingly and also with the licensee's initials or name, which shall be branded or cut into the surface of the buoy.

FOUR DRAGGERS IN DAY'S ARRIVALS

**THREE OFF-SHORE BOATS HAD
125,000 POUNDS OF HAD-
DOCK.**

Four draggers, three of them from off-shore, were reported up to noon today. The three draggers, with a combined ware of 125,000 pounds, mostly haddock, arrived direct from the grounds for the General Seafoods corporation for filleting. The other dragger was from shore, and brought 2000 pounds of mixed fish to Powers & McDonald. Four gill netters lifted 7800 pounds of fish yesterday.

Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:
Sch. Geraldine and Phyllis, dragging, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Grace and Evelyn, dragging, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Bettina, dragging, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Pauline S., dragging, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Mary W., via Boston.
Boat Angle and Vence, via Boston.
Boat Florence F., via Boston.
Sch. Governor Fuller, via Boston.
Sch. Josephine and Mary, via Boston.
Sch. Marie and Winifred, via Boston.
Sch. Thomaston, via Boston.

Sailed.

Sch. John J. Fallon, haddocking.
Sch. St. Providence II., seining.

Fitting for Handlining.

Sch. Constellation has hauled out of seining, and is fitting for handlining under command of Capt. William Forbes.

Yesterday's Gill Net Receipts.

Boat Nashawena, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Eliza C. Riggs, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Myrtle and Gladys, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat C. A. Meister, 2800 lbs. fresh fish.

On the Railways.

Sch. Lark is on Rocky Neck railways.
Sch. Raymonde is on Burnham's railways.
Sch. Rainbow is on Parkhurst's railways.

SMALLER FLEET AT BOSTON PIER

**RECEIPTS MOSTLY GROUND FISH
—ONLY ONE MACKEREL
FARE ON HAND.**

There were 22 arrivals at the Boston fish pier this morning and fares were mostly groundfish. Total receipts were 571,000 pounds of groundfish, 25,000 pounds of fresh mackerel, 209 swordfish, 1500 pounds of halibut and 90,000 pounds of mixed fish. Market remained fair. Groundfish prices showed little change but mackerel were back to three cents.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:
Str. Flow, 65,000 haddock, 22,000 cod, 12,000 mixed fish.
Sch. Maris Stella, 55,000 haddock, 2500 cod, 10,000 mixed fish.
Sch. Sea Ranger, 30,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 10,000 mixed fish.
Sch. Rainbow, 50,000 haddock, 3500 cod, 12,000 mixed fish.
Sch. Sea Rover, 17,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 8500 mixed fish.
Sch. Delia C. Smith, 11,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 8000 mixed fish.
Sch. Charles S. Ashley, 25,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 5000 mixed fish.
Sch. Dacia, 10,000 haddock, 11,000 cod.
Sch. Catherine Burke, 14,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Gertrude L. Parker, 18,000 haddock, 52,000 cod.
Sch. Mary E. O'Hara, 33,000 cod, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Teazer, 34,000 cod, 2000 pollock.
Boat Natale II., 25,000 mackerel.
Sch. Irene and Helen, 80 swordfish.
Sch. Alpar, 61 swordfish.
Sch. Lochinvar, 63 swordfish.
Sch. Dawn, 70,000 haddock, 27,000 cod, 3000 cusk, 1500 halibut.
Boat Automatic, 5400 mixed fish.
Boat Frances, 3300 mixed fish.
Boat Alphonso, 1900 mixed fish.
Boat Ethel, 6700 mixed fish.
Boat Rosie, 10,000 mixed fish.
Haddock, \$3 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.75; market cod, \$2; hake, \$1; pollock, \$2; cusk, \$1.50; gray sole, 1 1-2 cents per lb.; lemon sole, 3 cents; black backs, 1 cent; yellow tails, 1 1-2 cents; dabs, 1 cent; mackerel, 3 cents; swordfish, 15 cents to 20 cents; catfish, 1 1-2 cents.

N. S. Dried Fish Markets.

It is hard to get any comfort worth mentioning out of the dried fish markets these days, for with practically no exception they tell a tale of conditions which might be described as flat, stale, and unprofitable; not for a long, long time if ever have we seen them quite so flabby as they are at the present time. The reasons, of course, are now fairly well known to everybody. The world's purchasing capacity is scarcely holding its own, while the world's supply of dried fish is greater than it was a year ago, and if what is happening in Iceland is not offset by declines in other countries, they can be said to be increasing. Iceland and the beam trawler landing supplies in England, nominally for the fresh fish trade, but a portion of which is dried for foreign markets, are the two factors which are making the situation so difficult for the older producing countries. Iceland is now invading markets long held by Newfoundland and Labrador, and England, or perhaps we should say Aberdeen, Scotland, is poking her nose into places which had long been regarded as the preserve of older producing dried fish countries. Time was when our local exporters did quite a large trade in Havana in a certain grade of fish, but today that trade is being done by Aberdeen with the product of her beam trawler industry as already mentioned. Havana, of course, still buys a certain class of fish from Norway, but that is a trade for which we have little or no supply to offer. The combination of bad world conditions and large stocks of fish to be sold is a difficult one to solve and needless to say it is giving anxiety to the fish trade everywhere at the present time. There is one thing to be said regarding prices, it would seem that even Iceland can not afford to sell at a lower level than exists at the present time. The latest report regarding the West India markets with which we do business is that prices of late have shown no change and that there is about the usual activity for the time of year. The changes in the new American duties on fish are not important. Cod and haddock, fresh or frozen, remain at 1 cent per pound in the round with fillets at 2 1/2 cents per pound. Pickled cured cod in excess of 43 per cent moisture is reduced to 3/4 cent per pound, which will let in the class of fish used by the American cutting trade. Where the moisture is less than 43 per cent, the rate remains at 1 1/4 cents per pound. Dried salted cod remains at 1 1/4 cents, and pickled fish at 1 cent.—Maritime Merchant.

N. S. Pickled Fish.

New No. 1 July grocery herring are expected on the market in another three weeks. Stocks of last year's cure are now practically depleted. No price has yet been set for new cure.

Export quality of Nova Scotia herring are moving out slowly. Stocks on hand are now light.

Alewives are moving slowly. The New Brunswick fishery is somewhat in excess of last year. Present values ex vessel are \$4.75 to \$5 per barrel. During the past three weeks Nova Scotia fishermen have been quite busy with spring mackerel. Good catches have been made and the quantity packed will be in excess of last year. The Magdalen Island fishery is reported to be only 50 per cent of last season. Present prices are about \$8.50 to \$9 ex boat. Fat mackerel are very dull, with stocks extremely light.—Maritime Merchant.

N. S. Lobsters.

The lobster seasons close on the larger sections of Canadian coasts at the end of the month. During June the catch dwindled to very small proportions in most districts and many fishermen abandoned their operations, while a few canneries closed since they were not receiving sufficient quantities. In Cape Breton the run of mackerel caused many to divert from lobstering, but there is still a chance that the catches in Eastern C. B. and on the Magdalen Islands will improve during July before their seasons close.

Live lobster markets have been able to adjust themselves since the recent slump and prices show an upward tendency. The canned lobster situation has not improved. Business has been done at the lowest level created in May and there is no sign of higher prices being possible for some time yet. English and American buyers have sufficient quantities for their present demands and brokers in London, Liverpool, and other distributing centres have to store the goods which are now arriving. It is hoped that the prices at present current will encourage the consumption of this article so as to remedy the position of a larger supply than demand which has for some seasons past kept the markets quite unsteady.

The Newfoundland lobster fishery is now in full swing. The season was dull in opening, especially on the west coast but good catches are now reported though the prevailing prices are somewhat discouraging to the local operators. — Maritime Merchant.

LOCAL ARRIVALS ARE FEW TODAY

BEAM TRAWLER HOLY CROSS UNLOADED AT PEW'S FILLET- ING PLANT.

Fresh fish receipts were light this morning, being confined to a couple of seiners, a beam trawler, and a small shore dragger. The seiners were the Old Glory and Nyoda, each with small fares of fish, and the beam trawler the Holy Cross, with 80,000 pounds of fresh fish which went to the Gorton-Pew plant for filleting. Only one gill netter lifted yesterday, securing 2000 pounds of fish. Many of the boats are in port until after the Fourth dealers having agreed not to take out any mackerel on that day.

Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:
Str. Holy Cross, via Boston, 80,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Old Glory, seining, 5000 lbs. fresh mackerel.
Sch. Nyoda, seining, 8000 lbs. fresh mackerel.
Boat Maria Concetta, dragging, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat C. A. Meister, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Marietta and Mary, via Boston.
Boat Natalie II., via Boston.
Sch. Irene and Helen, via Boston.
Sch. Alpar, via Boston.

Sailed.

Sch. Governor Fuller, seining.
Sch. Thomaston, swordfishing.
Sch. Marie and Winifred, swordfishing.
Sch. Constellation, rip fishing.
Sch. Elk, seining.
Sch. Ingomar, haddocking.
Sch. Gertrude L. Thebaud, haddocking.

On the Railways.

Sch. Paolina is on Rocky Neck railways.
Sch. St. Rosalie is on Parkhurst's railways.
Sch. Annie and Mary is on Burnham's railways.

TWENTY-FOUR AT HUB PIER TODAY

PRE-HOLIDAY RECEIPTS ARE MODERATE BUT AMPLE—MAR- KET ABOUT THE SAME.

A fleet of 24 craft, eight seiners, seven swordfish and nine with groundfish, furnished the supply for dealers on the Boston fish pier this morning. Total receipts were 430,000 pounds of groundfish, 342 swordfish, 244,000 pounds of fresh mackerel and 70,000 pounds of mixed fish. The market remained about the same as yesterday.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:
Str. Boston, 55,000 haddock, 6500 cod, 12,000 mixed fish.
Str. Petrel, 126,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 13,000 mixed fish.
Str. Patrick J. O'Hara, 47,000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 10,000 mixed fish.
Str. Trimont, 45,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 16,000 mixed fish.
Boat Rita B., 25,000 haddock, 1200 cod, 9000 mixed fish.
Sch. John R. Ericsson, 21,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 5800 mixed fish.
Sch. Elmer E. Gray, 3000 haddock, 26,000 cod.
Sch. Ethel B. Penny, 24,000 haddock, 27,000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Linta, 48,000 mackerel.
Sch. Mary P. Mesquita, 48,000 mackerel.
Sch. Capt. Drum, 20,000 mackerel.
Sch. Alicia, 36,000 mackerel.
Sch. Lois H. Corkum, 25,000 mackerel.
Sch. St. Rita, 10,000 mackerel.
Sch. Uncle Sam, 19,000 mackerel.
Sch. Serafina II., 38,000 mackerel.
Sch. Eva G. Martin, 30 swordfish.
Sch. Evalina M. Goulart, 87 swordfish.
Sch. Aquidneck, 29 swordfish.
Sch. Minerva, 43 swordfish.
Boat Mary D'Eon, 68 swordfish.
Sch. A. Platt Andrew, 85 swordfish.
Boat Fred Henry, 3300 mixed fish.
Boat Frances, 1800 mixed fish.
Haddock, \$3 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.75; market cod, \$2; hake, \$1; pollock, \$1.50; cusk, \$1.50; gray sole, 2 cents per pound; lemon sole, 2 cents; black backs, 1 cent; yellow tails, 1 cent; dab, 1 cent; mackerel, 2.75 to 3 cents; swordfish, 15 to 18½ cents.

July 3

A COUPLE OF men handling fish boxes on the Gloucester Cold Storage and Warehouse Company wharf yesterday afternoon, were a special attraction for a group of summer people on a tour of inspection. While the other workmen about the place, who, in keeping with the torrid weather, were stripped down to undershirts and overalls, the aforementioned were dressed appropriately for the North Pole, with heavy overcoats, felt boots, mittens and ear-lappet woolen caps. The mystery of the wintry costume was later solved, when it was learned that the men had been working inside the freezer in below zero temperature, and had come outside to secure a supply of boxes.